

State Comptroller of Texas - C10

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The State Comptroller of Texas punches some of the stamps issued to various state agencies. The Comptroller uses a five pointed star with a "C" inside it. This is identified in *The Catalog of United States Perfins*, Balough, 1979, as perfin pattern C10. The user is identified as Comptroller, State of Texas, Austin Texas. The illustration shows its use on a 1991 mailing from the Texas House of Representatives.

There is a tale that the Comptroller's Office started this a few years ago when a "lame duck" State Legislator bought a pickup truck with postage stamps. The legislator had not used his full allowance of postage stamps for some time. He asked for his full allotment of postage stamps and purchased the truck shortly thereafter.

It was never proven that the stamps he used were the ones the State had issued and thus a new perfin came into existence and it is still in use today.



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